

Internet is a good resource for researching employers

Numerous sites offer information to students looking for jobs

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It is almost summer again — and time to find a job for most University graduates. Students can get help finding jobs from organizations on the Internet and on campus.

Some Web sites offer assistance in finding information about companies that are hiring. Other sites allow students to send their resumes to be part of a database that companies look through to find prospective employees.

But the most effective strategy for graduating students may be found in older methods for finding jobs, said Lawrence Smith,

director of the University Career Center.

Smith said the Internet is not the only way to get this information. His advice for dealing with employment Web sites is to shop around and ask if the service provided on the Web site is worth the price.

"You still have to look someone in the eye and tell them why you want to work for them," Smith said.

But the Internet is a powerful research tool that allows students to cut a large amount of time off their search for information about companies that are hiring, Smith said. To take advantage of the growing wealth of information, the Career Center provides links to various free resources on the Internet.

The criteria for inclusion on

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the Career Center's Web page is that Web sites have to be free, have unique content and serve University students' interest.

One of the many Web sites to offer help, at a price, is WetFeet.com. It offers help with researching top companies.

Jennifer Wulfstat, marketing manager for WetFeet.com, said the Web site offers students quality information and saves them time. Instead of having to

research information about what a company does or what type of employees it looks for, students can get it prepackaged.

"We've done it all for the job seekers," she said.

Looking for work often takes time that college students do not have, Wulfstat said. The Web site's services are split into two parts: free company profiles and a listing of books with testimonials from the company's employees.

Other books displayed on the site offer career advice on topics such as communication skills and asking for a raise. Most of the books retail for \$15 to \$30, with a \$10 discount for students.

Students who prefer to do their own research can find several

tools available at the University and on the Internet for free. Company Web sites often provide information about the company and the jobs it has available. Other sources of information include reference materials in the Knight Library that offer profiles of companies and industries, Smith said.

The Career Center offers several resources including a room of binders and video tapes with profiles of companies that recruit on campus.

Smith said the Internet is a useful tool for those looking for work, but it does not guarantee success. Easy access to abundance of information on the Internet should not encourage students to delay searching for jobs on the Web or by more traditional means, he said.

University Brief

Student chosen to be congressional intern

Junior Teresa Garcia has been selected as a Morris K. Udall Native American Summer Congressional Intern.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation awards the 10-week internships each summer to 12 Native American graduate and law school students.

Garcia, a double major in international studies and environmental studies, is one of the youngest students ever chosen

for the program. She will serve as an intern to Rep. Mark Udall (D-Colo.).

She is a descendant of the Pascua Yaqui nation in Arizona. Garcia was chosen for her scholastic excellence and because of her involvement in the Native American community. She is co-director of the University's Native American Student Union.

At the end of the internship, Garcia will receive a \$1,200 scholarship. She'll also receive round-trip airfare to Washington, D.C., lodging and reimbursement for her living expenses while there.

Web site

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and humorous essays on the movie by various fans and Coleman's own collection of answers to frequently asked questions about the movie.

According to Coleman's computer log searches, a recent count of the raw number of files being sent out by the Gladstone server found that about one of ten were from his site. Previous figures showed about one of 25 were from his site.

Coleman attributes the increase to the development of an upcoming sequel by Thomas Harris to his book "Silence of the Lambs"

— which the movie is based on — called "Hannibal."

Other University students also maintain Web sites.

Dynée Putnam, a sophomore Italian major, has a Web site for the University gaming club and another site for the second-year Italian program.

She said she feels that computer and Web site-building skills are vital for the modern University student.

"They won't survive in the real world without a computer," Putnam said.

Putnam said she feels that the type of skills students learn by

making Web sites will help to make the University look better, because its students are expressing themselves through Web pages.

Each student is allotted 10 megabytes of space for a Web site, and Putnam said she regrets more students do not use it. She said the language used to create them is easy to learn, and Web sites such as Coleman's can be entertaining.

"It's quite comical," Putnam said.

For more information on creating a Web page, contact the Computing Center at 346-4403.

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Nicole Chinn

My name is Nicole Chinn and I am a Freshman at the U of O. I plan on majoring in Psychology. My minor will focus on two subjects: Spanish and Business. My intent is to go into social work after I have completed a masters degree in Psychology. I have been nominated for the freshman Board position at the Bookstore. I want to receive a wide variety of experience through involving myself within the University. I am a very goal-oriented,

self-motivated person, and have excellent communication skills. I work very efficiently with people, and I think this shows through my previous experience as a youth mediator with Clackamas County Family Services. With this position I worked with troubled teens and their parents to help them communicate with each other. Currently at the U of O I am a peer advisor for the Psychology Department, and am actively involved with extracurricular activities. I truly enjoy working with people and helping them solve problems. From my previous experience I feel I would be an excellent asset to the Bookstore Board. I would do my very best to communicate the issues of the board with my peers and bring those issues to the board to help make the Bookstore a better place. My goal is to represent the students at the U of O in the best way possible. Thank you very much, and I hope everyone enjoys the rest of spring term!